

# **HOUSE BILL 536:**Law Enforcement Duty to Intervene.

### 2021-2022 General Assembly

**Analysis of:** 

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## OVERVIEW: House Bill 536 would:

Second Edition

• Create a duty to intervene for law enforcement officers.

- Require that the National Decertification Index (NDI) be searched as part of officer certification.
- Require that officers report certain notifications related to testimony.

### **BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1** would create a duty for LEO to intervene and report an excessive use of force by LEO.

Section 2 would require the Commissions to run applicants through the national decertification index.

## **Section 3** would:

- Require that written notification of Giglio material (credibility issues that would make an officer
  open to impeachment by the defense in a criminal trial) be reported to the appropriate law
  enforcement standards commission.
- Require the standards commission to notify law enforcement agencies and district attorneys of the reported information when a law enforcement officer is transferring to that agency.
- Provide an opportunity for an officer to be heard by a superior court judge in order to determine if the reporting requirement applies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 1 becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to uses of force that occur on or after that date. Sections 2 and 3 become effective October 1, 2021. Please see the PCS for more detail.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 536 mirrors Parts IV, XV, and XVI of the 5th Edition of Senate Bill 300.

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